



The PEW

Parish Events Weekly

January 17-24, 2014

The PEW is emailed each Friday to all parishioners with a valid email address in the Parish Office. If you have any items you would like included in the update, please submit them to emmanuelbristol@gmail.com before noon each Thursday. Copies of the PEW are available at all three red "information stations" throughout the church.

This Sunday at Emmanuel

January 19, 2014

The Second Sunday after the
Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Craig R. Wylie

8:00 am

Lector: David Taverner

10:30 am

Lector: Chris Yoder

Intercessor: Tom Rogers

Eucharistic Ministers: Harriett Harty
and Chris Yoder

Ushers: Barbara Sue Kurre and

Jane Bachman

maintain our beautiful church and grounds, and will allow the Vestry to proceed with confidence in a search for a new rector.

Thank you for your on-going support of Emmanuel this year through prayer, by volunteering your time, and through your financial support for our exciting future.

Yours in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee

Upcoming Events

Stewardship 2014

As of January 17, we have received 80 pledges totaling \$187,410. Thank you!

If you haven't done so already, we hope that you can be part of our exciting future by making a financial pledge to Emmanuel in 2014. Pledge cards are available in the red envelopes at the back of the church or please contact the parish office. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with one of us on the Stewardship Committee.

We've had a great 2013 and are looking forward to an even better 2014. Your gifts of financial support have allowed us to sustain our ministry programs at Emmanuel,

Jane Bachman, Ann Christ, Elaine Griffin, Fred Knickerbocker, Lucinda Taylor, Julia Rainero, Beth Rogers, Allen Rushing, David Taverner

Adult Forum Sunday, 9:30 am -
Epiphany and the Kingdom of God at Emmanuel

Join Fr. Craig in the continuing discussion: the season of Epiphany; Jesus' words as he began his ministry; and the community here at Emmanuel. What does the Epiphany season actually mean for us 2,000 years after the Wise Men's appearance to Mary and Joseph? What are we to make of Jesus' own description of his ministry? What are the signs that we at Emmanuel are currently living in God's kingdom? Discussion time is 9:30 am in the Parish Library, January 19 and 26.

95th Annual Council

The 95th Annual Diocesan Council is Friday, January 24- Sunday January 26 at the Hotel Roanoke. You'll find the link to Council materials and information about Saturday@Council workshops, at <http://dioswva.org/governance/annual-council.html>. You can register on site and remember that Saturday@Council is free. If you have questions about Council please contact one of our delegates: Jan Bruce, Sue Prill, Diana Fuller, David Taverner, or Kate Garcia, kgarcia@dioswva.org; 540-342- 6797; 800-346-7982.

Family Promise Host Week February 16-23

Emmanuel's next host week for the Family Promise program is February 16-23. Committee members are already contacting church members to find volunteers for the various tasks. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall in the Parish Hall, so feel free to add your name in any of the blank spaces! If you prefer, you may call committee members about specific tasks. For instance, if you want to spend the night, call Jane Bachman at (423) 968-7678. If you want to bring dinner or serve as an evening host, call Linda Riley at (276) 669-3267. If you would like to help set-up or take-down, call Bob Hardee at (276) 628-9097. If you have general questions, call Elaine Griffin at (276) 466-4436. Let's make Emmanuel's February host week a welcoming and comfortable experience for the guest families.

Miscellaneous Notices

Attention Kroger Shoppers

We need your help! Ladies of the Evening is raising funds to continue furnishing and decorating the Parish Hall. This year we hope to purchase padded cornices for the windows and comfortable seating (a couch and some chairs) for the Library. We have

a new supply of Kroger Gift Cards, already loaded with \$5. All you have to do is load the card with your grocery money and use the card when you pay the cashier. Emmanuel will get a 5% rebate from Kroger for all money loaded onto the cards. All we ask is that you reimburse us for the \$5 that's on the card. The cards can be loaded with any amount. They can be used every time you shop and remain active as long as there is a balance on the card. See Jan Bruce, Tina Hitt, Linda Riley, or any other member of LOE if you want a card and more detailed information. We appreciate your support!

Prayer Requests

The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer at Emmanuel Church is carried out daily by a number of parishioners. Requests for intercessory prayers are made either directly to Fr. Craig or through the Parish Administrator, Kristie Fayler. If a prayer request is to be remembered in public worship, the Christian (first) name is used. The specifics of the prayer request are never made public.

This Week in Church History –

Prayer Requests

For our parish and families: Carla, Bill, Robert, Mike, Ann, Gayle, Janet, Emily, Joyce, Deirdre, Betty, Lamont, Carol, Jill, Brennan, and Families in the Family Promise program

For friends of our parish: Tammy, Ann, Janet, Sharon Hatcher, and Families in the Family Promise program

Birthdays

January 19: Chris Yoder

January 20: Maggie Green

January 21: George Miller, Lisa

Tickle

January 23: Moseley King

Vincent has been called the protomartyr of Spain. Little is known about the actual events surrounding his life, other than his name, his order of ministry, and the place and time of his martyrdom. He was a native of Huesca, in north-eastern Spain, and was ordained deacon by Valerius, Bishop of Saragossa. In the early years of the fourth century, the fervent Christian community in Spain fell victim to a persecution ordered by the Roman emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Dacian, governor of Spain, arrested Valerius and his deacon Vincent, and had them imprisoned at Valencia.

According to one legend, Valerius had a speech impediment, and Vincent was often called upon to preach for him. When the two prisoners were challenged to renounce their faith, amid threats of torture and death, Vincent said to his bishop, "Father, if you order me, I will speak." Valerius is said to have replied, "Son, as I committed you to dispense the word of God, so I now charge you to answer in vindication of the faith which we defend." The young deacon then told the governor that he and his bishop had no intention of betraying the true God. The vehemence and enthusiasm of Vincents defense showed no caution in his defiance of the judges, and Dacian's fury was increased by this exuberance in Christian witness. Valerius was exiled, but the angry Dacian ordered that Vincent be tortured.

Although the accounts of his martyrdom have been heavily embellished by early Christian poets, Augustine of Hippo writes that Vincents unshakeable faith enabled him to endure grotesque punishments and, finally, death.

Records of the transfer and present whereabouts of Vincents relics are of questionable authenticity. We are certain, however, that his cult spread rapidly throughout early Christendom and that he was venerated as a bold and outspoken witness to the truth of the living Christ.

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Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Craig R. Wylie
Priest in Residence

Stephanie Yoder
Organist
Choir Director

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am
10:30 am

FAITH FORMATION

9:15 am Catechesis
9:15 am J2A
Adult Forums

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:15 pm
Holy Eucharist
Christ the King Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays

6:30 pm *Viva Voce!* Youth choir
7:30 pm Adult choir

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 10:00 am
2nd Floor Conference Room

VESTRY

2012-2014

Brad Adams, *Secretary*
Tina Hitt
Julia Rainero
Allen Rushing, *Jr. Warden*

2013-2015

Mike Blair
Frank Goodpasture, III
Denise Rowe
David Taverner,
Sr. Warden

2014-2016

Fred Knickerbocker
Doug Mitchell
Zane Myers
Debbie Tidwell

RECTOR DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Mike Blair
Ed Hitt, *Chairman*
Janet Jayne

Matt Lavinder
Greg Oakley
Julia Rainero

Beth Rogers
Melissa Taverner
Loretta Trayer

Prayer for the Rector Discernment Committee

Look graciously upon this your congregation, helping us in our discernment process for the calling of a Rector for Emmanuel Parish. We pray that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 18 Vestry Retreat
Sunday, January 19, 8:00 am and 10:30 am ... Commissioning of the Vestry
Friday, January 24—Sunday, January 26 95th Annual Diocesan Council
Wednesday, January 22, 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, January 29, 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist
Sunday, February 16—Sunday, February 23..... Family Promise Host Week